LIBRARY
8 JUL 1960
STATE LEGISLATURE, MADRAS

THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Friday, the 18h March 1960.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at three of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. DR. P. V CHERIAN) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I shall take up the questions relating to the Hon. the Minister for Revenue first.

Government College of Integrated Medicine.

*87 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state--

(*a*) whether any representations have been made by the students of the Government College of Integrated Medicine, Madras, during their strike in August 1959; and

(*b*) if so, what they are and the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: (*a*) & (*b*) A statement[a] is placed on the Table of the House.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM: In the answer it is stated with regard to item (1), that the Government have deferred the introduction of the course and with regard to item (4), the Government have stated that the proposal is dropped. Why is it that in the one case it is deferred and in the other case, the proposal is stated as dropped? Why has proposal No. (1) not been dropped instead of being deferred unnecessarily?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: Ultimately, the net result is more or less the same. (Laughter)

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM: With reference to the answer to item No. (3), as there is no separate Dean for the Royapettah Hospital, would the Government examine and reconsider the question of placing the Royapettah Hospital under the Dean of the College and Hospital of Integrated Medicine, and make it all one unified unit?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: Even as it is, all facilities for the students are made avai'able in the Royapettah Hospital That is why it is thought it is not necessary to place the hospital under the Dean's charge and that the existing state of affairs may continue.

---

[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 203-204 infra.

[18th March 1960

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : As the question of the future of the College of Integrated Medicine is stated to be under the consideration of Government, will the Hon. Minister tell us what exactly is proposed to be done with the present institution, whether it will be run as an institution for the development of indigenous medicines only?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : That issue is under consideration. It is too premature to state on what lines the mind of the Government is working.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : The demands of the students of this Hospital or College are there. But the Chief Minister of Madras, addressing a meeting very recently, said that the students coming out of this College were much better than the students coming out of the Madras Medical College, Allopathic Doctors. It is reported in the Press. Am I to ask the Minister in charge whether he agrees with the views of the Chief Minister in this matter?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : First of all, I must have an authenticated version of the reported speech. Then only I can say anything.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Am I to understand that the Minister for Health does not go even through the daily papers and when there is a speech on such an important matter, may I take it that he has missed an important speech of the day?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : I remember to have read the speech, but I do not remember in which paper. In that paper I did not have the impression that the speech was on those lines.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : If the Hon. Minister has not seen the reported statement which has appeared in 'The Hindu', a leading paper. . . .

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Has the hon. Member brought the cutting from the paper?

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : I shall stand corrected. Unless the Hon. Minister could contradict me by that and tell me, will the Hon. Minister in charge go through the reported statement of the Chief Minister and either get the confirmation that he has said so or would he go under the plea that in these days the statements of Ministers and important Congressmen are always misreported?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : I prefer to go through the paper and see what it is.

18th March 1960]

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : May I invite the Hon. Minister to the answer put down against representation No. (6) and request him to enlighten us on whether the Government have since come to any decision and, if so, what the orders of Government are?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : I am not sure whether a decision has been taken. I want notice of the question.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : May I invite the attention of the Hon. Minister to item No. (9) of the representation and the answer thereto and ask what orders the Government have passed in the matter?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : As regards the first part of it, it has been stated that it has not been recognised by the University. As regards the second part, it is clearly stated that it is under consideration.

SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI : May I know whether the bus whose purchase is stated to have been sanctioned has been really since purchased?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Orders must have issued. I am not sure whether the bus has been actually purchased.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : May I make a submission to the Chair? When the House is seized of the matter whether a statement has been made or not, the Hon. Minister in charge has said, 'I am not sure what it is.' May I request the Chair to see that the Hon. Minister places the matter before the House and either accepts what is reported to have been stated or comes forward with a contradiction?

MR. CHAIRMAN : The hon. Member has not furnished the newspaper cutting.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Mr. Chairman, on occasions like this the first thing that the hon. Member may do in courtesy to the House as well as to the Ministry is to send a cutting of that to the Minister concerned and ask whether it is true or not, and then put a question on that which will be answered.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : From what I know of Parliamentary Procedure, when a question is asked, it may occur to the Member just at that time in the background of that question that the Chief Minister, an important gentleman, has said such and such a thing. If I had anticipated it, I would have brought the cutting. However, I shall bring the cutting which I have referred to and the Chief Minister also may see that the matter is clarified.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : I am afraid I have not been properly understood. I said that the proper procedure on such occasions was to send a cutting of that to the Minister and

ask for confirmation whether such a statement was made and then pursue it with questions tabled in the House. I think that would be helpful.

MR. CHAIRMAN : The hon. Member has not supplied the newspaper cutting which he has referred to. If all on a sudden it is thrown at the face of the Hon. Minister, he cannot reply to it.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Rules permitting and with the latitude of the Hon. Chairman, may I submit it to-morrow?

MR. CHAIRMAN : I have always been very lenient to the hon. Member and given him enough latitude.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : The institution is called the College of Integrated Medicine. What is the thing that is being integrated? I would like to know that from the Hon. Minister.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : The integration is that of the allopathic and the Indian systems of medicine.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : If that be the case, if the Hon. Minister has gone through the syllabus of the institution, he will be knowing that two-thirds of it is modern medicine and only one-third of it is indigenous medicine. How can integration of that type do good to the public health of this country?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : It is also integration to a smaller extent, though not to the full extent. (Laughter)

Resignation of doctors

* 88 *Q.*—SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to place on the table of the House a list of doctors in the Madras Medical Service who resigned in 1957, 1958 and up to 31st May 1959 together with the years of service of each doctor?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : A statement[a] is placed on the table of the House.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : May I know the reason which made so many doctors submit the resignation, particularly doctors with service in the hospital ranging between twelve years and four years and service of a few months also? What are the special reasons for so many doctors resigning their job in the City of Madras?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : I shall narrate some of the reasons. Some resigned to take up other jobs. Others were unwilling to serve in the primary health centres. Therefore, they resigned their job. Still others resigned their job to take up higher studies. Still others resigned as they were unwilling to go and serve in rural areas. Eight have given up the appointment in order to take up other appointments. For all these various reasons they resigned.

---

[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 205-207 infra.